(c) In order to assist the State, the Centre has been providing financial and other assistance. In addition to normal Central Assistance and flow of funds under various Central Plan and Centrally Sponsored Schemes, Rs. 200 crore has been provided as Special Central Assistance in 2002-03 for the undivided Koraput-Bolangir-Kalahandi (KBK) districts on 100 per cent grant basis.

Centrally sponsored projects in Karnataka

541. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether plan allocation for Central sponsored proejcts has been reduced for the financial year 2003-2004;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the projects likely to be effected by the reduced allocation particularly in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Span of Tenth Five Year Plan

542. SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any move to reduce the duration of Tenth Five Year plan from five years to three years; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.